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Exhaust-Gas Probe and Circuit Arrangements
for Carrying Out the Methods

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Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as delineated
below.

In the Disclosure:

On page 1, please delete line 4 and substitute the following
therefor:

A1 -- Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, please delete lines 7 and 8 and substitute the
following:

-- carrying out these methods.

A2 Background of the Invention --.